



Lancer Lines

For the Parents, Staff, Students and Community of Linganore High School

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Principal's Message

Greetings!

December is a busy but happy time at LHS! In these weeks leading up to winter break, our building is bustling with activity.

Students are already starting to work on end-of-semester papers and projects. Those students who are taking an HSA course are preparing for state examinations that will be administered in January. Please see the information below this letter for additional information regarding "Beyond the Bell" tutoring available to help students prepare for HSA's.

In January, we will start the registration process for next school year. Students and parents are vital components of this process. The number of class sections we offer is determined by how many students sign up for a given class. The number of class sections, in turn, determines our staffing needs for the year. Staffing decisions must be made by late February; as such, we must rely on students and parents to submit registration material on-time. Look for a "Find Out First" within the next few days regarding dates and times for registration activities. Additional information is also posted on our web site.

To welcome the holiday season, our PTSA just hosted another successful *Lancer Candy Lane*, a free holiday event for children of all ages in our community, and our performing arts department presented our annual holiday concert, which has become a tradition for many families in our community.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dave Kehne,
Principal



Beyond the Bell Tutoring

If your child is in an Algebra, Biology, or English 10 class this semester or needs to retake an HSA, Beyond the Bell Tutoring is available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:40 in the media center to prepare for the high school assessments.

This is a great way to prepare for the appropriate HSA! Email Tracey Cassidy with questions at tracey.cassidy@fcps.org

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"Warming the Lancer Spirit" Giving Tree

The Character Counts Committee at LHS invites the community to participate in our "Warming the Lancer Spirit" Holiday Drive. A tree, located in the front office, is the donation location for new hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, socks and slippers. Since November 19th, the donations have been coming in and decorating our "Warming the Lancer Spirit" Giving Tree. If you would like to donate to the Giving Tree, there is still time. The collection will end on December 14th, and donations will go directly to our Linganore families in need of assistance during this holiday season. All donations are greatly appreciated and thank you for your generosity. Contact: Dawn Aburto, Character Counts Coordinator, patricia.aburto@fcps.org or 301-928-2978.

Junior Interview Day a Success!

Juniors enrolled in English this semester participated in mock interviews recently with members of our business community. The interviewers were impressed with our students' ability to articulate their career goals and answer questions. Thank you to the following business people for volunteering their time and expertise:

John Abbott and Richard Terselic, SCORE; Denny Ahalt, New Windsor State Bank; Debbie Bennett, Jeff Bocar, Danielle Coon, Judy Johnson (retired), Larry Magee, Sandi Maxey, Cheryl McCaull, Lisa Reynolds, Jim Scales, and Charles Selender, Sandy Spring Bank; Bill Butts, Legacy Financial; Erik Ek, Lockheed Martin; Amy Farkas and Linda Koons, M & T Bank; Lisa Hartman, Mee Derby; John Hoffman, PNC Bank; Michelle Marzullo, Serenity Pools Management; Kevin Murphy, Browning Reagle Insurance; Jim Ward, Schafer Corporation; Jeff Whiten, Everest College.

LHS Special Olympics Unified Bocce Ball – Interested??

Any Linganore student interested in being a member of the LHS Special Olympics Unified Bocce Ball should contact Coach Sunkel (Room A139) or Coach Delizia. Students must have physicals completed after May 1, 2012. An organizational meeting will be held in mid-December.

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UPCOMING PROGRAM:

Paying for College Seminar

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013

This free financial aid seminar is designed to provide information on college costs and ways to pay for college, including financial aid, scholarships and budgeting strategies, will be held at Hood College. The seminar is geared toward college-bound students and their parents.



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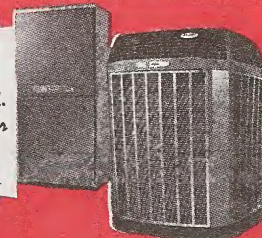
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Information for seniors and their parents:

If you or your parent missed the financial aid presentation by Hood College, you can access the PowerPoint slides on the Lingnore High School website at <http://education.fcps.org/lhs/sites/default/files/joshua.lewis/2012FAN110211.pdf>.

In addition, seniors and their parents should be checking the Lingnore Student Services bulletin for local, national and college specific scholarship opportunities at <http://education.fcps.org/lhs/bulletin>.

Steps 1 & 2 can be done prior to January 1st.

Student Part:

Step 1: Student applies for a PIN NUMBER (**Very important number do not lose**) from FAFSA website www.pin.ed.gov.

You will need: Name, SSN, Birth Date, and email address

Step 2: Student receives email giving a link to the US Dept of Education site that will allow you to retrieve your PIN Number. You have 8 days to retrieve your PIN.

Parent Part:

Step 1: Parent applies for a PIN NUMBER (**Very important number do not lose**) from FAFSA Website www.pin.ed.gov.

You will need: Name, SSN, Birth Date, and email address.

Step 2: Parent receives email giving a link of the US Dept of Education site that will allow you to retrieve your PIN NUMBER. You have 8 days to retrieve your PIN.

Note: A worksheet is available at www.fafsa.gov that will provide a preview of questions that you will be asked when completing the FAFSA online.

Steps 3 & 4 get completed after January 1st.

Step 3: With your **STUDENT PIN**, you are ready to complete the FAFSA on line. www.fafsa.ed.gov/

Step 4: Parent retrieves FAFSA and uses Parent PIN NUMBER.

Information for underclassmen and their parents:

Registration for classes for the 2013-2014 school year will begin in early February. It is important that students and parents discuss the selection process. Students should discuss class options with their current and past teachers. In addition, school counselors will be available during lunch shifts to answer questions about registration.

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Safe and Sane is an after graduation event for seniors run by Linganore parents of students in ALL grades. We had a successful 25th year last year thanks to our wonderful school staff, parents, and community support. We are looking forward to another successful and safe year with your help!

We have held our first two meetings of the year, and I am afraid to say we had very disappointing turn outs. We cannot stress enough that this program will not be successful without volunteers throughout the year. Remaining meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday, January 14 at 7:30 pm in the media center – VERY important meeting regarding our donation requests; we need at least 20+ volunteers!
- Tuesday, February 19 - 7:30 pm in the media center
- Monday, March 18 - 7:30 pm in the media center
- Monday, April 15 - 7:30 pm in the cafeteria
- Tuesday, May 14 - 7:30 pm in the cafeteria
- Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm - Graduation with Safe and Sane event to follow

The first two meetings focused on information about why Safe and Sane is important for our students and general information about how it runs. The next 3 meetings will focus on fundraising; organization; and food, prize and giveaway collections. The final two meetings will focus on volunteer sign-ups, rules and regulations, expectations for volunteers, and final donation collections. All of these meetings are very important so please attend as many as you are able.

We are looking for some individuals to take on a committee lead position for this year, or to assist with a committee this year then step up to lead position next year. The committee lead position open this year is the Thank You committee. Please attend meetings if you are interested in the lead position for next year.

Registration forms are available outside Mr. Brown's office. The first deadline for registration is January 18. Registrations received prior to January 18 will have two additional entries into the draw for the car. The price goes up to \$40.00 after January 18 and only one additional entry to win the car. Any registrations after May 25 will be \$50.00 and no additional chances to win the car. Questions regarding registration should be directed to Michelle Colella at the following e-mail address: mischellec@comcast.net

Upcoming Events:

- Safe & Sane Raffle - look for your tickets in the mail after the first of the year; for additional tickets contact Jennifer Gue at gue0735@yahoo.com
- Basket Bingo - March 22 - Contact Michelle Colella for tickets, sponsoring a basket, or donations to fill baskets
- Drive One for Your School - tentative date April 21

For questions please contact Melissa or Chip Harner at harner_lhs_safeandsane@verizon.net.

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ALL of the LHS booster groups, Safe & Sane, PTSA, Band Booster, and Sports Boosters, have teamed up to offer two exciting bus trips on January 12, 2013. You can join us for either a trip to either the Mohegan Sun Casino or to New York City. You'll have a great day of travel and help support an LHS booster group at the same time! These trips would make a great holiday present for the Lancer fan in your life. Thanks, in advance, to all for your continued support for ALL of our LHS booster programs.

Please note these trips are sponsored by our booster organizations, not Linganore High School, and all funds raised go directly to our booster groups!

For Mohegan Sun Casino trip details

Visit: http://www.kewlinc.com/_e/Fundraisers/product/zzLHSBMS/LHSBMS_Linganore_High_School_Mohegan_Sun_Casino_Fund_Raiser_1_12_2013.htm

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For New York City trip details

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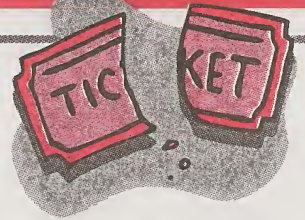
This trip can be just a day of shopping or you can add tickets to the Broadway hit, Phantom of the Opera, to this trip for \$40.00. See drop down selection on web site.

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Visit: www.KewlTravels.net

Then click fundraisers or type in zzLHSBNYC under the search option.

Interested persons may also call Kewl Travel directly at 301-898-8628 for further information.



LHS Band Boosters Quarter Mania Raffle

The LHS Band Boosters will hold their third annual Quarter Mania Raffle in the Cafeteria on Friday, February 22. Quarter Mania is best described as Auction-meets-Raffle. It is a super fun evening of entertainment and bargains - All for Quarters - to support our organization!! Proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of a new tow vehicle to get our equipment on and off the field.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, Quarter Mania begins at 7 pm. Tickets will go on sale beginning December 4. For tickets or more information, please contact Toni at dtjm@att.net or Pam at pam@carwithen.com.

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Under the able leadership of President Carolina Torres Alfaro, Vice President Patrick DuBoyce, Secretary Morgan Spurrier and Junior Representatives Rachel Hockenberry and Daniel Lemen, the Spanish Honor Society embarked in another year of activities that promote the interest in and knowledge of Hispanic cultures. In September, members attended the Latino Festival sponsored by Frederick Community College.

There they sampled authentic Hispanic food and enjoyed music and dance presentation from various Spanish speaking countries. During National Hispanic Heritage month, celebrated from September 15 to October 15, the society sponsored a school wide contest. The student body was given information about Hispanic Americans who have contributed to the American society. The participation of the members of the student body who weekly guessed the identity of the famous Hispanic American was overwhelming. A wall display was created to provide more information about the featured Hispanic athletes, actors, political figures and leaders in various fields. In October members of the society attended a Spanish Movie Night and donated canned good to a local soup kitchen. In November, the Spanish Honor Society and the French Honor Society hosted a joint Game Night. A "Fiesta", complete with food, song and a piñata is in the works for the December activity.

During the monthly Spanish Honor Society meeting, members have had the opportunity to share the experiences of Rebecca Hammersla, who talked about her summer hosting a student from Madrid, Spain, and Kate Arnone, who spent a semester living with a family in Uruguay and attending school there as an exchange student. Rebecca prepared a genuine "tortilla española" and Kate had us taste an authentic drink from Uruguay. Members participate in a pen pal program: letters in Spanish are exchanged with students from New Market Middle School who are enrolled in Spanish classes. Members even tapped on their creative skills as they tried their hand at intricate Mexican "papel picado" decorations for Día de los Muertos.

To further benefit our school community, Spanish Honor Society members have peer tutored struggling students after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Their efforts have translated into improved grades for students who participate on a regular basis. This program continues throughout the school year. To benefit the global community the members voted to donate money for the purchase of flocks of chickens to be distributed to farmers in third world countries. The flocks will help the recipients develop a small business that will help improve their quality of life.

Mrs. Margarita Doughty, Spanish Honor Society sponsor, could not be more proud of the enthusiastic participation and contributions of 49 active members of the Antonio Gaudi chapter of the Spanish Honor Society. We look forward to second semester and more activities that instruct, promote interest and benefit not only the members and our school but also the local and global communities. As our motto says: "¡Todos a una!", "All as One!"

English Department News

In November, the English Department conducted their annual Poetry Out Loud competition. This poetry recitation contest began at the classroom level and culminated with the class winners competing for the school title. The winner then competes against other high school winners in Frederick County in January. The national contest in the spring awards at \$20,000 prize to the winner. Although the name of the winner was not available at time of newsletter publication, teachers are proud of the risks all of the students took to memorize and deliver their poetry. For more information about the national program, visit poetryoutloud.org. Thank you to Mrs. Brittney Garst for coordinating the program.

Lancer Media, the school's newspaper, has expanded to Facebook and Twitter. Like us on Facebook at LancerMedia and follow us on Twitter @lhsjournalism. The class has expanded to include a club that meets after school twice a month. If you are interested in becoming a reporter for the school newspaper, please contact Natalie Rebetsky at natalie.rebetsky@fcps.org. All are welcome, grades 9 – 12. Statistically, students who participate in their school newspapers have higher gpa's, do better on college entrance exams, and their experiences lead to improved writing skills and critical thinking, which translates to success in college. Participation in the school newspaper looks great on a college resume! There are many opportunities to become involved. Check out our online newspaper at <http://education.fcps.org/lhs/>. Choose the link to The Lance.

The induction for the National English Honor Society was held in late November. The group, which has nearly 75 members this year, is planning many activities, including attending the new movie, Life of Pi. They will hold a game night with the math honor society on December 13. Senior NEHS members have read and discussed the national book selection, Tortilla Curtain. They are eligible to compete for the NEHS scholarship (essay due December 17). In coming months, look for the NEHS to celebrate April National Poetry Month and conduct a pen pal activity with struggling elementary school students. Applications are distributed August – October each year. If you have questions about NEHS, please contact Natalie Rebetsky at natalie.rebetsky@fcps.org.

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